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SUBJ: REMARKS FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY

AMBASSADOR PLANS TO MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN PRESENTING
CREDENTIALS. DAY FOR CREDENTIALS CEREMONY NOT YET FIXED.

1. I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE LETTERS
BY WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON ACCREDITS ME AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY
AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO AND THE LETTER OF RECALL OF
MY PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR DWIGHT DICKINSON.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES VALUES HIGHLY THE
EXCELLENT RELATIONS IT HAS ENJOYED WITH TOGO IN THE FOURTEEN YEARS
SINCE YOUR NATION ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE, MR. PRESIDENT. WE ARE
CONSCIOUS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AVOID THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS
WHICH ALL TOO OFTEN DISTURB RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES. MY
ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT HAS BEEN EXCITED NOT ONLY BY
THIS HISTORY OF CORDIAL COMPREHENSION BY BY THE TESTIMONY OF
RETURNED AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, WHO
DESCRIBE WITH EVIDENT DELIGHT THE WARM HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDSHIP
THEY ENJOYED HERE IN TOGO.

3. IT IS WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING
ALL PARTS OF YOUR COUNTRY. MY COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE
PRECEDED ME TO TOGO HAVE PRAISED TOGOLESE IMAGINATION AND
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INDUSTRIOUSNESS IN HASTENING THE PROCESS OF MODERNIZATION.

ALREADY DURING MY BRIEF STAY IN LOME I HAVE SEEN IN YOUR PUBLIC BUILDINGS, YOUR BUSY PORT AND YOUR TOURIST COMPLEXES EXAMPLES OF THE GROWING INFRASTRUCTURE IN WHICH THE TOGOLESE PEOPLE JUSTIFIABLY HAVE GREAT PRIDE. WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S OWN AMBITION TO IMPROVE THE NATIONAL ROAD NETWORK. MY GOVERNMENT IS HAPPY TO BE PLAYING A SIGNIFICANT ROLE, THROUGH THE REGIONAL ROAD MAINTENANCE TRAINING CENTER, IN TRAINING TOGOLESE PERSONNEL TO MAINTAIN AND FURTHER DEVELOP YOUR COUNTRY'S ROADS AND THUS TO PROMOTE RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

4. I AM AWARE ALSO OF TOGOLESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN EDUCATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THE PROVISION OF OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES. I AM PLEASED THAT THROUGH VARIOUS PROGRAMS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THROUGH OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WORLD BANK WE HAVE COLLABORATED WITH YOU IN THIS DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. MY GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO MAINTAIN THIS COLLABORATION. WE TRUST THAT OUR CONTRIBUTION TO TOGO'S DEVELOPMENT WILL FURTHER YOUR EXCELLENCY'S ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARD THIS END. THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF OUR GOVERNMENT, WE ALSO WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE AMERICAN INVESTMENT, AS WELL AS TRADE, IN THE EXPECTATION THAT TRADE AND INVESTMENT WILL STIMULATE ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH.

5. WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, MY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TRYING TO LIMIT STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS AND TO RELAX TENSIONS BETWEEN THOSE STATES POSSESSING WEAPONS WHICH COULD DESTROY CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING OUR IDEAS ON THIS AND OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES WITH YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT. I WILL REPORT FAITHFULLY TO MY GOVERNMENT YOUR VIEWS ON THIS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF CONCERN TO TOGO AND ITS PEOPLE.

6. IN CLOSING, MR PRESIDENT, PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE BEST WISHES OF PRESIDENT NIXON, AND OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR YOUR CONTINUED PERSONAL WELFARE AND FOR THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF TOGO. LONG LIVE AMERICAN-TOGOLESE FRIENDSHIP.

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1. J'AI L'HONNEUR DE PRESENTER A VOTRE EXCELLENCE LES LETTRES PAR LESQUELLES LE PRESIDENT NIXON M'ACCREDITE EN QUALITE D'AMBASSADEUR EXTRAORDINAIRE ET PLENIPOTENTIAIRE DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE AUPRES DU GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU TOGO, AINSI QUE LA LETTRE DE RAPPEL DE MON PREDECESSEUR, L'AMBASSADEUR DWIGHT DICKINSON.

2. LE GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS APPRECIE HAUTEMENT LES

EXCELLENTE RELATIONS DONT IL A JOUI AVEC LE TOGO DURANT LES
LES QUATORZE ANNEES ECOULEES DEPUIS L'ACCESSION DE VOTRE PAYS A
L'INDEPENDANCE, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT. NOUS SOMMES CONSCIENTS
DU FAIT QUE NOUS AVONS PU EVITER LES SERIEUX PROBLEMES QUI,
TROP SOUVENT, COMPROMETTENT LES RELATIONS ENTRE ETATS. MON
ENTHOUSIASME POUR CETTE CHARGE A ETE STIMULE NON SEULEMENT
PAR CETTE TRADITION DE COMPREHENSION CORDIALE MAIS PAR LE
TEMOIGNAGE DES FONCTIONNAIRES AMERICAINS ET DES VOLONTAIRES
DU CORPS DE LA PAIX DE RETOUR AUX ETATS-UNIS, QUI DECREVENT
AVEC UN PLAISIR EVIDENT L'HOSPITALITE CHALEUREUSE ET L'AMITIE
DONT ILS ONT ETE L'OBJET ICI AU TOGO.

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3. C'EST AVEC UN VIF ENTHOUSIASME QUE JE SONGE A VISITER
TOUTES LES REGIONS DE VOTRE PAYS. MES COLLEAGUES ET AMIES, QUI
M'ONT PRECEDEE AU TOGO, ONT FAIT L'ELOGE DE L'IMAGINATION ET
DU ZELE AVEC LESQUELS LES TOGOLAIS ACCELERENT LE PRECEDE DE
MODERNISATION. DEJA, PENDANT MON BREF SEJOUR A LOME, J'AI PU
VOIR DANS VOS EDIFICES PUBLICS, VOTRE PORT PLEIN D'ACTIVITE ET
VOS INSTALLATIONS TOURISTIQUES, MAINTS EXEMPLES DES PROGRES
REALISES DANS L'INFRASTRUCTURE SANS CESSER DE GRADISSANT, ET DONT
LE PEUPLE TOGOLAIS EST, A JUSTE TITRE, TRES FIER. NOUS SOMMES
CONSCIENTS DE LA PREOCCUPATION PERSONNELLE DE VOTRE EXCELLENCE,
VISANT A AMELIORER LE RESEAU ROUTIER NATIONAL. MON GOUVERNEMENT
EST HEUREUX DE JOUER UN ROLE SIGNIFICATIF, PAR L'INTERMEDIAIRE
DU CENTRE REGIONAL DE FORMATION POUR L'ENTRETIEN ROUTIER, EN
FORMANT DU PERSONNEL TOGOLAIS EN VUE DE DEVELOPPER LES ROUTES DE VOTRE PAYS, ET DE CE FAIT,
PROMOUVOIR LE DEVELOPPEMENT RURAL.

4. J'AI CONSCIENCE EGALEMENT DES ACCOMPLISSEMENTS DU TOGO EN CE QUI CONCERNE L(EDUCATION, LA SANTE PUBLIQUE ET LA PRESTATION D'AUTRES SERVICES SOCIAUX. JE ME FELICITE QUE, GRACE A DIFFERENTS PROGRAMMES DU GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS ET A NOTRE QPPUI FINANCIER AUX PROGRAMMES D'ASSISTANCE DES NATIONS UNIES ET DE LA BANQUE MONDIALE, NOUS AYONS COLLABORE AVEC VOUS A CET EFFORT DE DEVELOPPEMENT. MON GOUVERNEMENT ENTEND MAINTENIR CETE COLLABORATION. NOUS EXPRIMONS LE VOEU QUE NOTRE CONTRIBUTION AU DEVELOPPEMENT DU TOGO SERVIRA LA POLITIQUE DE VOTRE EXCELLENCE DANS CE BUT. PAR LE TRUCHEMENT DES ORGANISMES COMPETENTS DE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTRE GOUVERNEMENT, NOUS CONTINUERONS EGALEMENT A ENCOURAGER L(INVESTISSEMENT AMERICAIN PRIVE, AINSI QUE LES ECHANGES COMMERCIAUX, DANS L(ESPOIR QUE LE COMMERCE ET L'INVESTISSEMENT STIMULERONT UNE CROISSANCE ADDITIONNELLE.

5. AU SEIN DE LA COMMUNAUTE INTERNATIONALE, LE GOUVERNEMENT DES ETATS-UNIS S'EST EFFORCE DE LIMITER LES ARMEMENTS STRATEGIQUES ET D'ASSURER UNE DETENTE ENTRE LES ETATS POSSEDANT DES ARMES QUI DETRUIRAIENT LA CIVILISATION CONTEMPORAINE. JE SERAI HEUREUSE DE DISCUTER DE NOS IDEES SUR CE SUJET ET D'AUTRES QUESTIONS IMPORTANTES AVEC VOUS ET AVEC LES MEMBRES DE VOTRE GOUVERNEMENT. JE RAPPORTERAI FIDELEMENT A MON GOUVERNEMENT VOS VUES A CET EGARD ET A L'EGARD D'AUTRES PROBLEMES INTERNATIONAUX QUI INTERESSENT LE TOGO ET SON PEUPLE.

6. POUR TERMINER, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, QU'IL ME SOIT PERMIS DE VOUS EXPRIMER LES MEILLEURS VOEUX DE PRESIDENT NIXON, AINSI QUE DU GOUVERNEMENT ET DU PEUPLE DES ETATS-UNIS, POUR LE MAINTIEN DE VOTRE BIEF-ETRE PERSONNEL ET POUR LA PAIX ET LA PROSPERITE DU PEUPLE DU TOGO. VIVE L(AMITIE ENTRE LE TOGO ET LES ETATS-UNIS.
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